

# Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Monday, February 14, 2011 - As of 7:00am

Good Morning, Lake Tahoe Skiers & Riders. If you're visiting, Welcome to Lake Tahoe. Here's your Mountain Resort Report for your Monday, February 14th. It's St. Valentines Day and Tahoe Discovery Day! It was this day in 1844 that John C. Fremont along with Scout Kit Carson discovered a Big Mountain Lake from a peak above Carson Pass. And a Big welcome change in weather... Mostly Cloudy Skies with Isolated & Scattered Snow Showers by mid morning with temps into the low 40's on the slopes. Moderate to Strong Gusty Winds up to 65 mph and 120mph over the ridge tops will hamper the operation of upper mountain lifts... So, Call Ahead... Lifts will operate Wind and Weather Permitting. Dress in Layers with your Windproof-Waterproof Jacket. Wear a Hat, Beanie or Wear a Helmet for Safety; Also, wear Good Goggles. Surface conditions are Variable with and Machine Groomed & Skier Rider Firm Packed Snow – all Softening with rising day-time temperatures. Ski and Ride with Care. Keep an Eye for Marked and Unmarked Obstacles – Always Ski or Ride with a Buddy if you go Off-Piste and Stay In Bounds and on Opened Runs Only.

## South Lake Tahoe & Surrounding Area Resorts

**Heavenly Mountain Resort** - South Lake Tahoe –Reports a base of 65-90". 26 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP, with 12 Lifts scheduled in California and 14 Lifts on the Nevada Side. Access to the mountain is from the Gondola, California Base Lodge, Stagecoach & Boulder Lodges on the NV side. 94 Trails to open (65+MG) + they have 4 Terrain Parks Open with 77 Features. (MG & SKRPkd Snow / 27F / MCldy / Mod-Strong Winds). Adventure Peak Activities at the top of the Gondola are scheduled with Sledding, Snow Tubing & Snow Bikes for rent (10-4)-WWP. Complimentary Shuttles buses running thru-out the So. Shore to all Base Facilities. **1-800-HEAVENLY.**

[www.skiheavenly.com](http://www.skiheavenly.com)

**Sierra-At-Tahoe** - on U.S. Hwy 50 – Is open reporting a base of 36-117". 8 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP including Grandview Express to the top of the front side, The West Bowl & the Backside open. 46 Trails are open (35MG) + Jack's Bowl & Avalanche Bowl open. Back Country Gate #1 open to Castle Creek, check with Patrol at the top on others. 4 Terrain Parks + Boarder X & Super Pipe are Open. You'll also find their Snow Shoe Trails, Snow Play Area & the Snow Tubing Hill open. (MG & SKRPkd Snow / 30F / MCldy / Lt-Mod Winds). Complimentary Shuttle buses are running from So Shore. **(530) 659-7475. [www.sierraattahoe.com](http://www.sierraattahoe.com)**

**Camp Richardson Mountain Sport Center** - on Emerald Bay Road - Hwy 89 – is open daily (9-4) with a base of 4-10". They have 6 Trails open offering 13km of groomed XC & adjacent Snow Shoe Trails. Plus, additional Trails open on along the beach as conditions permit. **(530) 542-6584. [www.camprichardson.com](http://www.camprichardson.com)**

**Hope Valley XC Outdoor Center** - 14655 Hwy 89/88 – at Pickett's Junction – The Yurt is Open Daily (10-5) They have a base of 12-36". 60 Miles of Trails are open including 20 miles of groomed trails and 40 miles of marked & skier packed trails. They have Rentals & Lessons available. There are No Fees to XC or Snow Shoe in Hope Valley, but they gladly accept donations. **(530) 694-2266. [www.hopevalleyoutdoors.com](http://www.hopevalleyoutdoors.com)**

**Kirkwood Mountain Resort** - On Hwy 88 – Is open reporting a mid-mountain base of 88-94". 12 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP out of the Village, the Timber Creek Lifts and the Back Side Lifts scheduled, including The Vista & Covered Wagon Tows. 72 Trails are open (50+ MG), Plus 9 open Bowls, 3 Terrain Parks, Boarder-X & Half Pipe are open. (MG & SKRPkd Snow / 24F / MCldy / Mod-Strong Winds). **Kirkwood XC Center** - Open (9-5) with 80KM of Groomed XC & Snow Shoe Trails with 2 Dog Friendly Trails open as well. **(877) KIRKWOOD. [www.kirkwood.com](http://www.kirkwood.com)**

## North & East Shore / Nevada Resorts

**Spooner Lake Cross Country** - Highway 28/50 - at Spooner Lake State Park – is open daily (9-5). They report a base of 18-60". 14 Trails are open with 60km of XC trails & 5 Separate Snow Shoe Trails open offering 15km. **(775) 749-5349. [www.spoonerlake.com](http://www.spoonerlake.com)**

**Diamond Peak** - Hwy 28 - in Incline Village – Is open, reporting a base of 42-80". 4 lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP, including the Crystal Express Quad to the top. 31 trails are open (22MG) & Terrain Park open. (MG & SKRPkd Snow / 34F / MCldy / Lt-Mod Winds). If you have a valid Season Pass from any other Resort, you can test ski or ride Diamond Peak for only \$25. **(775) 831-3211. [www.diamondpeak.com](http://www.diamondpeak.com)**

**Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe** - Mt. Rose Hwy 431 – is reporting a base of 60-108". 7 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP with the NW Magnum Six to the top of the Rose side & The Blazing Zephyr opening at 8:30am to the top of the Slide Side. Check with Patrol on The Chutes Gates today. 59 Trails are open + 3 Terrain Parks on the mountain. (MG & SKRPkd Snow / 31F / MCclear / Mod-Strong Winds). **(800) SKI ROSE [www.mtrose.com](http://www.mtrose.com)**

## Truckee Area Resorts

**Northstar-at-Tahoe** - On Hwy 267 – is reporting a base of 46-82". 16 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4)-WWP. They are Open top to bottom – Front to Back including Look Out Mountain. 92 Trails are open (59MG) + 4 Terrain Parks with 72 features and Super Pipe open. 2 Kids Adventure Parks open as well. MG & SKRPkd Snow / 37F / MCldy / Lt Winds). Their Village Ice Rink is scheduled to open (1-8pm) & Snow Tubing is offered (12-4pm). **Northstar XC/Telemark & Snow Shoe Center** is open with 40km of groomed XC & Snow snowshoe trails. **(530) 562-1330.**

[www.northstaratahoh.com](http://www.northstaratahoh.com)

**Tahoe Donner Ski Area** - 11603 Slalom Way, Truckee – Is open, reporting a base of 56-72". 5 Lifts will operate (9-4)-WWP with 14 trails + 2 Terrain Parks open with 50 features. (MG & SKRPkd Snow / 32F / Cldy / Lt-Mod Winds). **(530) 587-9444 #2 (Downhill).** **Tahoe Donner XC** – is open (8:30-5) with 50 trails open offering 102 Km of groomed XC trails + 4 separate Snowshoe trails open offering 7Km. **(530) 587-9484. [www.skitaohedonner.com](http://www.skitaohedonner.com)**

#### **Donner Summit Resorts**

**Boreal Mountain Resort** – Off I-80 at Boreal/Castle Peak Exit – Is open reporting a base of 84-160". 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP including the Accelerator Express Quad to the top of the front side & The Lost Dutchman on the back-side. 35 Trails are open. Plus, 3 Terrain Parks with 40 features +, Boarder X open. (MG & SKRPkd Snow / 29F / PCldy / Lt-Mod Winds). Playland Tubing Park is open (10-4). And, 2 Lifts will operate for Night Skiing & Riding, till 9pm-WWP (530) 426-3666 #1. **[www.rideboreal.com](http://www.rideboreal.com)**

**Soda Springs Winter Resort** - Off I-80 – Is open, reporting a base of 82-120". 5 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP, with 2 Lifts for Skiing & Riding and 16 Trails open; Plus 3 Lifts for Snow Tubing (10-4), with Tube Town, the Kids Tube Carousel & Planet Kids. Plus, The Mini Snowmobiles are open for rent, today. (MG Snow / 29F / PCldy / Lt Winds). (530) 426-3901. **[www.skisodasprings.com](http://www.skisodasprings.com)**

**Royal Gorge Cross Country Ski Resort** – Off I-80 on Donner Pass Rd in Soda Springs – is open (9-4) with 45 Trails offering 150 Km of groomed XC & Snow Shoe trails. (30F / MCldy / Lt Winds). Will be Closed Tuesday and Wednesday. **(530) 426-3871. [www.royalgorge.com](http://www.royalgorge.com).**

**Donner Ski Ranch** - On Donner Pass Road – Is open on a base of 36-96". All 7 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4), Front Side & the Back Side are open with 52 trails. Plus the Tubing Hill is scheduled open (10-4). (MG & SKRPkd Snow). **(530) 426-3635. [www.donnerrskiranch.com](http://www.donnerrskiranch.com)**

**Sugar Bowl Ski Resort** - Off I-80 on Donner Pass Rd – is open reporting a base of 60-130". 9 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP, including Mt Judah, Jerome Hill & Mt. Lincoln. 94 Trails are open (59MG) + 3 Terrain Parks with 41 features. (MG & SKRPP / 30F / MCldy / Lt-Mod Winds). **(530) 426-1111. [www.sugarbowl.com](http://www.sugarbowl.com)**

#### **West Shore / North Lake Tahoe Resorts**

**Homewood Mountain Resort** - On Hwy 89 – 6 miles South of Tahoe City, Is open reporting a base of 40-75". All 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP, Including the Ellis Chair, The Madden Chair and the Old Homewood Express. 62 trails are open (39MG) & 2 Terrain Parks are open on the mountain. (MG & SKRPkd Snow / 36F / PCldy / Lt-Mod Winds). **(530) 525-2900. [Skihomewood.com](http://Skihomewood.com)**

**Granlibakken Ski & Snowboard Hill** – Hwy 89 - Tahoe City – Is open Friday thru Sundays – Closed today /// (9-4) on a base of 12-30". 1 Tow & 1 Run are open./// Their XC & Snowshoe trails and the Snow Play Area are open daily, as conditions permit. **(530) 581-7533 [www.granlibakken.com](http://www.granlibakken.com).**

**Tahoe Cross Country Ski Area** - 3 miles E. of Tahoe City on Hwy 28 – Is open daily (8:30-5). They have a base of 12-30". 20 Trails are open offering 63 Km of Groomed XC & Snow Shoe trails with 3 Warming Huts open + 3 Dog Friendly Trails are open. (36F / Cldy / Lt Winds). **(530) 583-5475. [www.tahoexc.org](http://www.tahoexc.org)**

**Alpine Meadows Ski Resort** - Hwy 89 – is open reporting a base of 75-137". 8 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP including Roundhouse & Summit Six on the Front Side. Plus, the Scott Chair, Lakeview (on HOLD) & Sherwood Express scheduled on the back Side. 70 Trails open (30MG) + 3 Terrain Parks open. (MG & SKRPkd Snow / 32F / PCldy / Mod-Strong Winds). **(530) 581-8374. [www.skialpine.com](http://www.skialpine.com)**

**Squaw Valley USA** - Hwy 89 – Checks in reporting a base of 30-109". 11 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP from the bottom including the Cable Car (Closed) & Funitel (Standby) + Red Dog & KT22. NO Lifts are scheduled for the upper mountain-WWP, CALL AHEAD. (If upper mtn opens, 170 Trails to open (70+MG) + The Belmont & Riviera Terrain Parks & Super Pipe are open). (MG & SKRPkd Snow / 34F / Snow Flurries / Mod-Strong Winds). Snow tubing offered at Papoose (10-3:30). Olympic Ice Pavilion at High Camp is on Standby. **(530) 583-6955 #1. [www.squaw.com](http://www.squaw.com).** And, for XC Skiing or Snow Shoeing, **The Resort at Squaw Creek** has 18km of XC & Snow Shoe Trails open (9-5).

#### **Central Sierra Resorts**

**Mammoth Mountain** - off Hwy 395 – is open and reporting a base of 102-172". 24 Lifts scheduled to operate (8:30-4)-WWP. Entire Mountain Open. Access from Main Lodge, Canyon Lodge & Eagle Lodge. 150 trails open (111MG) + 8 Terrain Parks and Half Pipe, Super Pipe & Super Duper Pipe open. (MG & SKRPkd Snow / 21F / MClear / Mod-Strong Winds). **(888) 766-9778. [www.mammothmountain.com](http://www.mammothmountain.com).** **June Mountain** – open on a base of 48-96". 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). 29 Trails open + 3 Terrain Parks & Super Pipe Open. **(760) 934-2224. [www.junemountain.com](http://www.junemountain.com)**

**Yosemite/Badger Pass** – is open reporting a base of 72-77". 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). 9 Trails open. (MG / 31F / PCldy / Lt Winds). Snow Tubing Offered Daily. Cross Country Center is open (8:30-4) with 90 miles of Trails, of which 14 miles are groomed to Glacier Point & Bridalveil Campground. **(209) 372-8430. [www.yosemitepark.com/BadgerPass.aspx](http://www.yosemitepark.com/BadgerPass.aspx)**

**Dodge Ridge** - Pinecrest, CA on Hwy 108 – is open reporting a base of 44-56". 8 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP, with 62 Trails open (38MG). Plus 4 Terrain Parks open. (MG & SKRPkd Snow / 34F / PCldy / Lt Winds). **(209)**

**536-5300. [www.dodgeridge.com](http://www.dodgeridge.com)**

**Bear Valley Mountain Resort** - Hwy 4 – open reporting a base of 77". 9 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP. 67 Trails to open + 2 Terrain Park open. (MG &SKRPP / 28F / Clear / Lt-Mod Winds). **(209) 753-2301 #2. Bear Valley XC** – open (9-4) with 37 Trails offering 65Km of groomed XC trails & Sledding hill open (9-4). **(209) 753-2834.**  
**[www.bearvalley.com](http://www.bearvalley.com)**

So, there you have it. All Roadways around the Lake Tahoe basin are open and free of controls. For updates on this Report, Please visit my Website at **[BikeandSkiTahoe.Com](http://BikeandSkiTahoe.Com)**. A Winter Storm Watch is already posted for from Tomorrow afternoon thru Wednesday... 1 to 2 Ft at Lake Level and 2-3 Ft above 7000 Ft. Have a Safe Day on the Mountain, It's Curtis Fong, TGFT ... And, that's today's Mtn Resort Report.

**[www.bikeandskitahoe.com](http://www.bikeandskitahoe.com)**

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See you on the Slopes...  
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